



**Los Angeles County
Certified Unified Program Agency
Health Hazardous Materials Division**



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LABELING

FACT SHEET 02-01-HW

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Hazardous waste regulations require that if hazardous materials are not properly labeled they must be managed as hazardous waste. The Uniform Fire Code requires that individual containers, cartons or packages shall be conspicuously marked or labeled in accordance with nationally recognized standards. These standards can be found in OSHA regulations.

OSHA REQUIREMENTS

Each container of hazardous chemicals in the workplace must be labeled, tagged or marked with the following information:

- Identity of the hazardous chemical(s)
- Appropriate hazard warnings

Individual stationary process containers can be identified by signs, etc., rather than affixing the label to the container.

Newer containers are shipped with the appropriate labeling. However, older containers may not have the appropriate labeling, labels may have been damaged, or a hazardous material may have been transferred to a container which previously held another type of hazardous material and is now mislabeled.

HOW TO LABEL CORRECTLY

Labels or tags can be purchased from a safety supply company, or the required information can be marked directly on the container. Chemical name(s) and hazard warnings can be found on the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provided by the supplier when the chemical was purchased. If you can not locate the MSDS, obtain one from the supplier. Place the label, tag or marking in a conspicuous place on the container.

PERSONAL PROTECTION KEY

1	SPH	1	SPH
2	SPH + M	2	SPH + M
3	SPH + M + H	3	SPH + M + H
4	SPH + M + H + R	4	SPH + M + H + R
5	SPH + M + H + R + E	5	SPH + M + H + R + E
6	SPH + M + H + R + E + S	6	SPH + M + H + R + E + S
7	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O	7	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O
8	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P	8	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P
9	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P + A	9	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P + A
10	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P + A + C	10	SPH + M + H + R + E + S + O + P + A + C

CHEMICAL NAME

MSDS #

FIRE HAZARD

HEALTH HAZARD

REACTIVITY

PERSONAL PROTECTION

HAZARD KEY

4 - SEVERE
3 - SERIOUS
2 - MODERATE
1 - SLIGHT
0 - MINIMAL

MANUFACTURER

PHONE

See Other Side



CHEMICAL NAME

MSDS #

FIRE HAZARD

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REACTIVITY

REMARKS

MANUFACTURER

PHONE

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NOTE: *This fact sheet is a summary of the laws and regulations pertaining to this subject. It is intended for informational purposes only and may not encompass all the laws and regulations to this topic. More details may be found at Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) www.dtsc.ca.gov. If further information is needed, call the County of Los Angeles CUPA at (323) 890-4045, or your local district office.*

References

- 22 California Code of Regulations 66261.2(f)
- 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1200(f)
- Title 32, Los Angeles County Code 8001.9.8

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